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Mael Le Scouezac Wins Statewide Spelling Bee

MONTPELIER – Mael Le Scouezac bested 45 other students from across Vermont to win the Vermont State Individual Spelling Bee on Wednesday. Mael, a seventh grader at Craftsbury Academy, will now compete in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington. D.C. in June.

The winning word was "ornithoscopy," which means bird watching.

Taylor Marquis of Missisquoi Valley Junior High School came in second, and Abigail Postlewaite of Charlotte Central School came in third.

The bee was sponsored by the Vermont Principals Association, the Vermont Department of Education, the Vermont Humanities Council and the Burlington Free Press. Mael received a trophy, a Net Book donated by Hannaford Supermarkets and an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. donated by JetBlue Airways, FairPoint Communications, Saint Michael's College and Hannaford Supermarkets. In addition, the top three spellers received reference books and gift certificates. The second place winner received a plaque and all students received a medallion for advancing to the state level. All of the students who compete in the national spelling bee will receive cash prizes ranging from \$50 to the \$12,000 championship prize.

UVM Professor Phillip Baruth served as pronouncer for the event. Commissioner Armando Vilaseca was on hand to present the awards.

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Following is a list of all the regional winners who competed in the statewide bee.

2010 Vermont Spelling Bee Participants

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Albany Community School	Gratia	Rowell
Albert D Lawton Intermediate School	Miranda	Baker
Bennington Elementary School	Erin	Crowe
Blue Mountain Union School	Lauren	Lamberton
Brighton Elementary School	May Marie	Hanlon
Browns River Middle School	Sam	Lewis
Camels Hump Middle School	Jonathan	Fisher
Charlotte Central School	Abigail	Postlewaite
Craftsbury Academy	Mael	Le Scouezec
Crossett Brook Middle School	Evan	Hoffman
Danville School	Merlin	Gil
Edmunds Middle School	Isaiah	Mindich
Fayston Elementary School	Caleb	Hoyne
Flood Brook Union Elementary School	Nickalena	Richards-Wickers
Glover Community School	Morrow	Hill-Bernard
Harwood Union Middle/High School	Nathaniel	Kazlow
Lyndon Town School	Lucinda	Storz
Main Street Middle School	Flynn	Aldrich
Mary Hogan School	James	Lincoln
Mater Christi School	Marisa	Sylvester
Milton Elementary School	Ryan	Joseph
Missisquoi Valley Union Junior Senior High School	Taylor	Marquis
Molly Stark Elementary School	Dustin	Jaenecke
Monument Elementary School	Taylor	Cameron
Mt Anthony Union Middle School	Kaitlyn	Dunn
Newfane Elementary School	William	Jagiello
Otter Valley Union High School	Chris	Keyes
Proctor Junior Senior High School	Tessie	McDonnell
	Emma	Marchessault
Richford Junior Senior High School Riverside School		
	Dylan	Maghini
Rutland Intermediate School	Ryan	French
Shaftsbury Elementary School	Cara	Fitzhugh
Shelburne Community School	Emma	Pell
South Royalton School	David	Ballou
St. Mary School	Sebastian	Huber
Stevens School of Peacham	Sammy	Storz
Stowe Middle High School	Hannah	McKay
Tunbridge Central School	Andrew	Ruddell
Waitsfield Elementary School	Anneka	Williams
Walden School	Jay	Tilden
Wallingford Elementary School	Eli	Burch
Waterford Elementary School	Brooke	Smith
Westshire Elementary School	Eadie	Molesworth
White River School	Pearl	MacLeod
Williston Central School	Jack	Workman
Woodstock Elementary School	Brian	Townley